

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 00-05-15**

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For Work Week Commencing: May 15, 2000
Business Meeting: May 15, 2000, 10:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. Discuss MPC Sale – Placeholder – (5/16/00)
2. D2000.1.14 – Ronan Telephone – Reciprocal Compensation Tariff Filing – To get direction to change hearing date (5/16/00)
3. D2000.2.21 – USWC – Competitive Response Tariff – To get approval of a procedural order (5/16/00)
4. D99.5.129 and D99.7.172 – Mid-Rivers, 3 Rivers, Triangle, Project – Additional EAS in Billings and Great Falls Regions – Update to the PSC, discussion and action on motion for extension of time, other matters as necessary (5/16/00)
5. D99.11.250 – Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. – Mid-Rivers ETC, Wibaux Exchange – Update, possible discussion, direction, action on intervention, other matters as necessary (5/16/00)

6. N99.5.128 – USWC – Extension of Existing Generic Protective Order – Discussion and action on USWC request (oral) that its existing generic protective order be extended for an additional 60 days (5/16/00)
7. Public Comments by E-mail and Out-of-Cycle Meeting Procedure – Discussion and action on approving procedure for receipt of public comment through e-mail and procedure for noticing out-of-cycle meetings (5/16/00)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. REGIONAL SERVICES - Docket D2000.3.39 (Joel)

On March 15, 2000, Regional Services of Billings filed a request for a waiver from the electric master meter rule 38.5.1602. This waiver will allow Regional Services to construct a disabled person apartment complex in Lewistown at a reduced cost. This is for action.
2. U S Communications/3 Rivers Fiber Optic, D2000.2.24 (Robin)

The Interconnection Agreement between U S West and 3 Rivers Fiber Optic, Inc. is an "opt-in" to the agreement between U S West and Covad Communications. Along with the Agreement U S West and 3 Rivers filed Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement consistent with and making the changes required by the Commission's order in U S West/Covad (Docket No. D99.3.68, Order No. 6175). A draft order approving the amended agreement was circulated electronically. Recommend approval.
3. US WEST Communications, N2000.4.62 (Scott)

On April 26, 2000, US West filed Tariff Transmittal 00-AC01. US West is requesting to revise language regarding modification of bulk Bill CCL at times other than the end of a quarter. The current tariff language only allows change at the end of a quarter. In order to avoid future conflicts, the language is being requested to be modified.

4. MONTANA POWER COMPANY Docket D97.7.90 (Will)

On April 13, 2000, Montana Power Company filed Tariff Letter No. 58-E asking to clarify the Universal System Benefits Charge tariff. Section 69-8-402, MCA states that a large customer shall pay a USBC equal to the lesser of \$500,000 or 0.9 mills per kwh times total kwh consumption. The Commission approved a USBC tariff which specifies a rate of 0.9 mills per kwh for GS-1 and GS-2 customers with demand greater than 1,000 KW. MPC proposes to specify that irrigation customers with demand greater than 1,000 KW will also pay a USBC equal to 0.9 mills per kwh.

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1. MCI WORLDCOM Docket No. N2000.5.65 (Leroy)

On May 1, 2000 MCI filed Transmittal Letter No. 99-27 with changes to its Montana Tariff No. 2 to introduce a calling card plan for MCI One savings Calling Card.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 00-05-22

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2000.5.66 – Montana Power Company – Request re: FERC stranded costs and confidential information

N2000.5.67 – USWC – Interim line sharing agreement and rates notice